

County of San Luis Obispo

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RE: Background and Guidelines for the San Luis Obispo Stand Down May 18th & 19th, 2013

WHO: Hundreds of volunteers and professionals give their time and expertise to address the unique needs of low income/at risk veterans in San Luis Obispo County. Those groups in attendance include but are not limited to: Veteran service organizations, National Guard and Reserve units, low income/at risk shelter programs, health care providers, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, veteran-helping-veteran programs, and concerned citizens from the community organize and stage the events.

WHAT: The concept of the Stand Down is a time when troops can come home from battle to a place of safety and rest. Our Stand Down will be a way to welcome all veterans, especially those returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. For 24 hours, we will provide a place where our returning warriors can access resources, receive services like medical care, legal services, employment services, and spiritual and mental care.

WHERE: San Luis Obispo's Veteran's Memorial Building at 801 Grand Ave. San Luis Obispo.

WHY: The Stand Down is a way for the community to express concern for veterans in a tangible and positive way. Many community organizations and individuals are looking for ways to help and welcome our veterans and the Stand Down offers a focal point for the community's attention, resources, and commitment to help.

WHEN: The Stand Down will be held over a 24 hour period the evening of May 18th and ending the afternoon of May 19th, 2013.

We welcome your suggestions and contributions to this event.

If you have any questions, please call (805) 781-5766 and ask to speak to Travis Rochelle, our Outreach Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Dana Cummings
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